GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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AGREEMENTS SIGNED WITH CHINA
Scindia Shri Jyotiraditya Madhavrao

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

he steps taken by the Government in pursuance of Indo-China Science and Technology agreement signed during Chinese Prime Minister's visit to India on the areas such as earthquake research, prevention of disaster management and global warming, etc.?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS(SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

During the visit of Chinese President Hu Jintao to India in November 2006, India and China agreed to establish an India-China Partnership in Science and Technology, and to launch joint projects in the areas of
(i) earthquake engineering,
(ii) climate change and weather forecasting,
(iii) nano-technology with focus on advanced materials, and
(iv) biotechnology and medicines with focus on bio-nano. The nodal officers of India and China met in Beijing in January 2008 to identify joint projects in these areas. The two sides have agreed to call for detailed project proposals and propose to complete the process by the middle of the year so as to commence implementation.